

## Interview Summary

Application No.

10/540,280

Applicant(s)

LINKE ET AL.

Examiner

R. Alexander Smith

Art Unit

2859

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) R. Alexander Smith.

(3) Russell Warnock.

(2) Mark Taylor.

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Date of Interview: 08 January 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 13-31.

Identification of prior art discussed: Suzuki et al., Plimpton, MacWilliams et al., Hicken, Santacaterina et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants discussed the applied prior art including as listed and proposed that the present invention is directed to a combination of a backing, a thermochromic layer, and a casting protective layer. Applicants propose to submit new or amended claims more specifically directed to the note features. The examiner did indicate to Applicants that further search and/or consideration might be necessary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

  
RICHARD SMITH  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required